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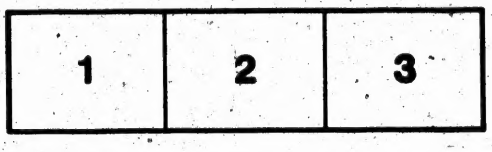

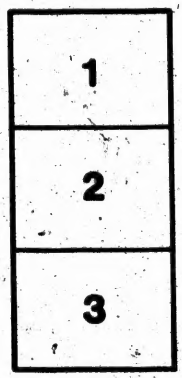

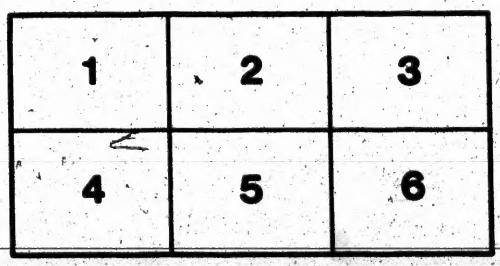

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¶ *The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.*

¶ *Let Him that ministereth, read these Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation, Dearly Beloved Brethren, &c.*

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto Our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon His name; Tell the people, what things he hath done.

O let us magnify the Lord Our God, and fall down before His footstool, for He is Holy.

¶ *Instead of the Venite, this Hymn.*

O sing unto the Lord a new Song; sing unto the Lord all the whole Earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise His name; be telling of His Salvation from day to day.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people; ascribe unto the Lord, worship and power.

For Thou Lord hast made us glad through Thy works: We will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

Who can express the noble Acts of the Lord; or shew forth all his praise.

He hath given us our hearts desire; and hath not denied the request of our lips.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness; and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men.

That they would offer unto Him the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving; and tell out His works with gladness.

That they would exalt Him also in the Congregation of the People; and praise Him in the seat of the Elders.

For His merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ *PROPER PSALMS, CIII. CXLV. CL.*

First Lesson, Isaiah, XXXVIII, to Verse XXI.

¶ *After the First Lesson shall follow the TE DEUM.*

Second Lesson, Matthew V to Verse XXI.

¶ *Then the JUBILATE CREED, and to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Priest, standing up, shall say—*

I will sing of Thy power O Lord, and will praise Thy mercy betimes, in the morning.
For Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
My Tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness:
And of Thy praise all the Day long.
O Lord save the King:
And evermore mightily defend him.
Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness:
And make Thy chosen People joyful.
O Lord save Thy People:
And bless Thine inheritance.
O God, make clean our hearts within us:
And take not Thine Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Instead of the first Collect for the day the following shall be used.*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, who sparest, when we deserve punishment, and in Thine anger, thinkest upon mercy, accept, we beseech Thee, our praise and thanksgiving for Thy great goodness, in staying the destructive pestilence which has lately visited us; and for that Providential care by which Thou has protected so many parts of our Land from its ravages.

Humble us, O Lord, under a deep sense of Thy loving kindness, and of our unworthiness; and while we offer the praises of our lips, sanctify our hearts by the influence of Thy blessed Spirit, that they may be filled with Holy gratitude and love, and made duly sensible of Thy Almighty power, although to us it has been chiefly declared in shewing mercy and pity.

Vouchsafe Thy blessing, O Lord, to every people whom Thou hast lately afflicted. Let Thy visitation, and its removal, be alike sanctified to all whom Thou hast spared, and especially to us whom Thou hast so mercifully protected: and graciously continue to us Thy powerful defence, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through the Saviour of the World.

Make Thy great name, O Lord, to be glorified throughout the Earth; that all the Nations may learn Thy righteousness, adorn Thy Blessed Gospel, and sincerely seek and surely attain Thy Heavenly Kingdom, where sin, and sickness, and sorrow shall be never known.

Hear us, O merciful God, we most humbly implore Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, the only Mediator and Redeemer.—*Amen.**

WE humbly acknowledge, O merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in Thy Law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions: yet seeing it hath pleased Thee, of thy tender Mercy, to assuage the fearful disease, with which our land hath been visited, we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty the sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving for such, Thy providential care over us: most humbly beseeching Thee entirely to withdraw from every part of our Nation this grievous sickness, that the voice of gladness and of health may be restored in all our Dwellings, and that we, being saved from destruction by Thy Fatherly goodness, may faithfully serve Thee, while we live here, and in the end may obtain everlasting life, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy only Son, our Lord. —*Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the second and third Collects at Morning Prayer, and the Litany, to the end of the Collect.*

"We humbly beseech Thee O Father to look upon our Infirmities, &c."

Then shall follow—

OALMIGHTY God, Sovereign Disposer of all earthly events, behold us here assembled, with united hearts and voices, humbly to pour fourth our Tribute of unfeigned praise and thankfulness for Thy preservation of us Thy unworthy Servants, when so many have fallen around us, the victims of distressing and fatal disease. In humble adoration of Thy overruling Providence, we acknowledge that the power and the wisdom of man avail not for our protection, without Thy permission, and Thy blessing. With grateful acknowledgement of Thy unspeakable mercies, we feel that Thy arm has been stretched out for our defence, and Thy merci-

* *This Prayer shall be repeated continually, immediately before the General Thanksgiving, until the first of March.*

ful kindness has spared us, when we had no claim on Thy compassion.

But while humbly prostrate before the Throne of Thy Sacred Majesty we express our gratitude, in this public manner, with our lips, teach us, O Lord, to feel it deeply in our hearts, and to display it continually in our conduct. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to turn our present experience of Thy gracious goodness to our lasting improvement. Let it bring home to our hearts an increased sense of our entire dependence upon Thee, and of the obligation which Thou layest upon us, by all the blessings which we enjoy. Touch us with a lowly feeling of our own unworthiness.—Dispose us from our hearts to refer all the good that is dispensed to us, not to our own merits, but entirely to Thy free and undeserved mercy; that so, as we more experience, both in public and in private, the favor and protection of Thy overruling Providence, we may ever rise in our feelings of devout affection towards Thee, in zeal for Thy glory, in reverence for Thy holy name, and in the hearty desire of complete obedience to all Thy commandments. These Prayers and Thanksgivings we humbly offer to Thy Divine Majesty, in the name and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD our Heavenly Father, who even in the midst of Thy just displeasure regardest Thy unworthy people with compassion, we offer Thee our Thanksgivings and Praises, as for Thy other great and manifold mercies, so especially for the blessing which Thou hast vouchsafed to us, of an abundant Harvest. We acknowledge that by reason of our multiplied iniquities, we might justly have been cut off by pestilence, or consumed by famine. But Thou hast refreshed us with comfort and hope, by abating the sickness wherewith our land hath been visited, and causing the Earth to yield its increase in due season.

Give us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to shew forth our sense of Thy bounties, by the use we make of them; abstaining from excess and intemperance, and freely relieving the distresses of the poor and needy. Dispose our hearts to contentment and peace, to brotherly love towards each other, and cheerful obedience to the Laws. And so inform and strengthen our minds by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that fearing Thy wrath above all things, and being moved by Thy

goodness to repentance, we may obtain from Thee, O Gracious Father, relief in all our afflictions, and the supply of all our present wants, and may at length be admitted into those Heavenly mansions, where all sorrows shall cease, and all wants shall be satisfied, through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

¶ *Then read to the end of Morning Prayer.*

Communion Service.

¶ *After the Collect for the King,* "Almighty God whose Kingdom," *&c. the following shall be used.*

O LORD our God, Father of mercies, fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fillest Heaven with Thy Glory, and Earth with Thy goodness, we earnestly beseech Thee to accept the offerings of our glad and thankful hearts, for the blessings with which Thou hast lately vouchsafed to visit us—for the removal of pestilence, and the manifold gifts of Thy bounty—Thou Lord hast not only spared us when we deserved punishment, but has distinguished us by numerous gifts of Thy Grace and Favor.—These blessings no righteousness of our own hath merited; nor hath our own prudence or strength procured them; and therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Thy name be the praise; to Thy power and Thy wisdom, by which alone we have been preserved, and to Thy bountiful and gracious Providence, by which alone we prosper.

Grant us grace O Lord, to improve all Thy blessings, to the ends for which they were bestowed; with devout gratitude to Thee, our God; with zeal for Thy Glory, and submission to Thy will, and fullest faith in the Gospel of Thy Blessed Son; with obedience to our Rulers, as the Ministers of Thee for good, with moderation and humility; with justice and purity: with Charity, and forbearance, and brotherly love—that so we may set forth Thy Glory, and set forward our own salvation, and the good of others, through the merits and mediation of our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

Epistle, 3d Colossians—beginning at the 12th verse.—"Put on therefore," &c. to verse 16.

Gospel, 6th Chapter St. Matthew—beginning at verse 19, to the end.—"Lay not up," &c.

¶ *Then shall follow the NICENE CREED, and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *After the Prayer for* "the whole state of Christ's Church Militant here in Earth."—*The following shall be read.*

ALMIGHTY and ever merciful God, who, in Thy gracious goodness, dost listen to the petitions of those who with humble and devout hearts call upon Thee, through Thy Blessed Son,—Vouchsafe to accept with Thy favor, the Supplications and Thanksgivings, with which we, Thy unworthy Servants, have this day presumed to approach Thy Throne. Continue we beseech Thee the blessing of Thy Special Providence to the people of this land, and to the whole Empire, of which we form a part. Unite us, by the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, in uniform obedience to Thy will, and in ardent zeal for Thy honor and service; knit our hearts together in brotherly affection; in attachment to our religion and laws; in dutiful obedience to our Sovereign; and to those who bear authority under him.—Endue us with a spirit of piety and devotion towards Thee; of unshaken reliance on the merits and sufferings of Thy Beloved Son; of justice and temperance; of humility and charity; and of all other graces which adorn the Christian character.—Unworthy, as we are, of the comforts of our holy faith, remember our infirmities, in Thine abundant pity; but remember our sins no more—Lift us up, when we are fallen, by Thy hand; support us with Thy staff; refresh us with Thy gracious eye—and if, in Thy righteous Government, Thou shalt see fit to encircle Thy Church and people with a cloud of temporal sorrow and distress, open unto us the window of Heaven, that with an eye of faith and hope we may see beyond the cloud, looking upon those mercies, which, in Thy secret providence, and admirable wisdom, Thou designest to all Thy servants, from such unlikely and sad beginnings—teach us diligently to do all our duty, and cheerfully to submit to all Thy will; and at last, O Lord, be gracious to Thy people who call upon Thee, who put their trust in Thee, who have laid up all their hopes in the bosom of their God: who besides Thee have no other helper—Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, the only and prevailing Mediator.—*Amen.*

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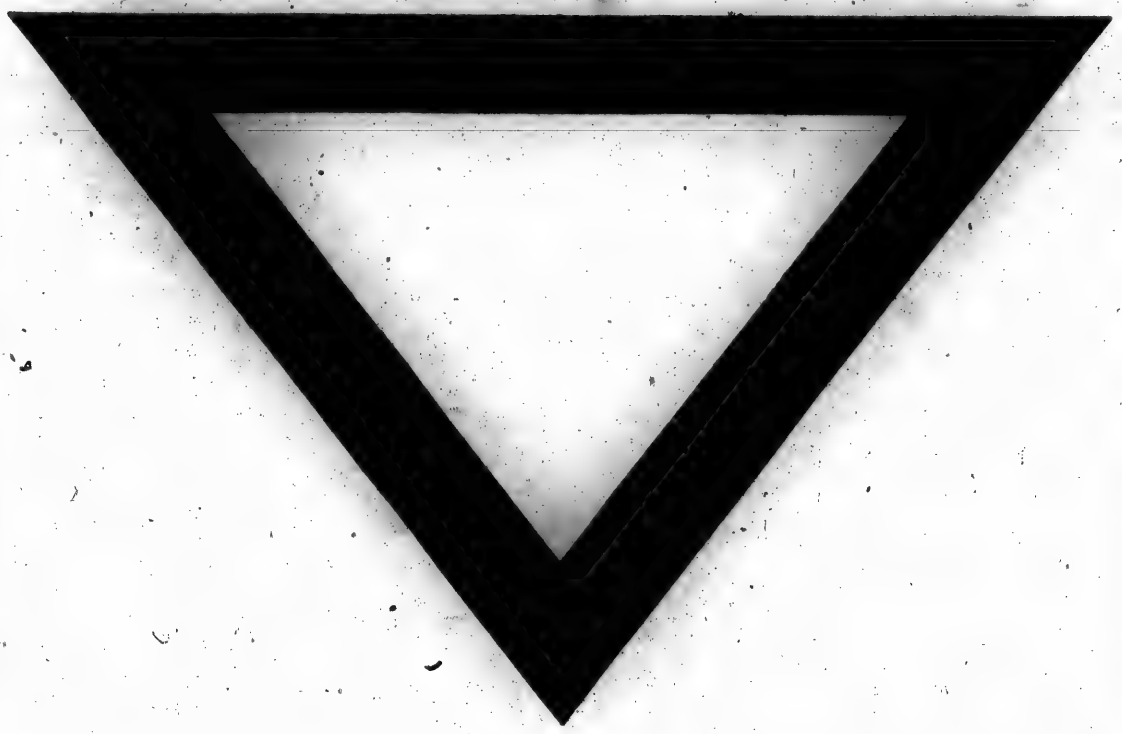
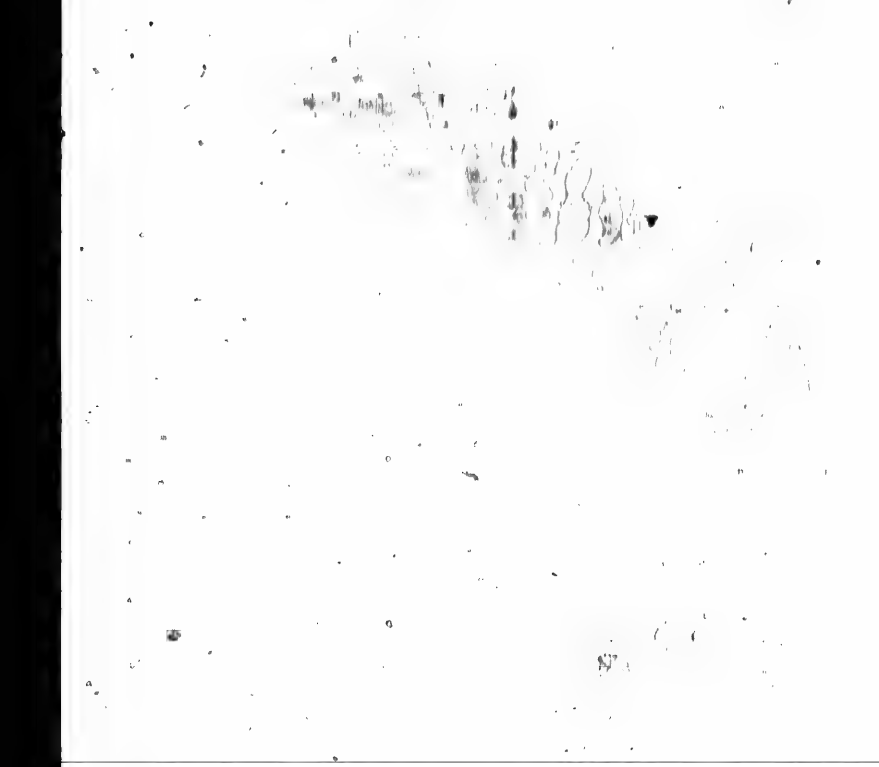
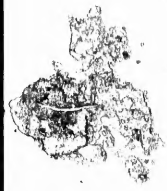
ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that call upon Thee in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us, who have now made our prayers and supplications, with thanksgiving unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessity and to the setting forth of Thy glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

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